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## TWELVE LEAVE TOMORROW NIGHT FOR PHYSICALS

The twelve boys, who were notified of their pre-induction army physicals will leave tomorrow night, 9 p.m., for Pacific Electric Building in Los Angeles, on a special bus from Bishop.

The boys are Hiro Tsubuchi, 28-10-1; George Konii, 6-3-1; Nobuhiro Tani, 10-12-4; Tadashi Nakai, 10-3-3; Bill S. Taketa, 30-5-1; Kenichi Yamamoto, 17-13-1; Mitsuru Victor Takomoto, 3-2-1; Henry Chikashi Harada, 29-9-3; Yoshio Otsuka, 8-3-1; Arata Ota, 11-6-1; Hisao Hashimoto, 9-13-2; and Shoichi George Miyazaki, 15-10-3.

Also leaving for their physicals on the same bus are about 30 boys from Bishop.

## NAVY VETERAN PROTESTS DEFEAT TO OUST WISEI

OMAHA, Neb.—Protesting against attempts to oust Nebraska farmers from some persons of Japanese ancestry, Ralph C. Nash, navy veteran declares in a letter to the Omaha Evening World Herald that they had read about such attempts "with disgust."

Nash spent three years of his service in Honolulu, saw Japanese Americans there working hard to repair damage at Pearl Harbor and was on a ship with 3000 Wasei soldiers who raised funds for a non-Wasei sailor's visit to his sick wife.

In its April 3 edition editorial, the Nebraska Evening World Herald rebuked the 91 Nebraska farmers in Shelton-Bibbon area who petitioned a Grand Island firm to dismiss Japanese American farm workers.

## CLASSROOMS OPEN TO PARENTS, VISITORS DURING SCHOOL WEEK

Marking the final organized Parent-School Program for Manzanar, parents of center school children are invited to visit the local schools during the Public School Week, April 22 to 28, Superintendent of Education Dr. Genovio W. Carter announced.

## MIKAWA, SAITO WIN IN CAGORATORICAL CONTEST

Competing in an oratorical contest Thursday night in the Community Auditorium with 14 students from the Junior High School and four from the Elementary school, Akimi Mikawa, seventh grader, took the first prize with her interpretation of Patrick Henry's famous "Liberty Speech".

Other winners were Grace Yasuda, elementary school student, took second prize with her version of Robert Louis Stevenson's "The Wind" and Reiko Arai, eighth grader, who took third place with Woodrow Wilson's "War Message".

## FRIDAY WINNERS

Winners of Friday's oratorical contest for high school students and adults were:

Saiji Saito, tenth grader, who took first prize for his interpretation of Rudyard Kipling's "Gunga Din"; Helen Matsumoto, tenth grader, second prize winner, for her presentation of Alfred Hayes' "The Highway Men" and Sumako Tanaka, twelfth grader, third prize winner for her offering of James Russell Lowell's "The Fetherland".

Judges were Alan Campbell, E. Dykes, Mrs. A. Nielson, Mrs. M. D'illo, Dr. G. Schwesinger, L. Wontner, Mrs. M. Darko, Miss Okamura, Dr. O. Sakaguchi and Dr. G. Carter.

Classes and activities of the schools will be open to parents all week and visitors will be most welcome, Dr. Carter stated.

The regular work will be carried on and exhibit on school work will be shown in the classrooms.

Manzanar High School has planned a special day for parents. The high school rooms will not be in session on Friday afternoon but instead will be in session for two periods on Friday evening and will be followed by an assembly in the auditorium. This will give more parents an opportunity to see classes underway and to attend a high school assembly program.

The evening program in the classroom will commence at 6:45 p.m. and the assembly at 8:25 p.m. Parents are urged to "come to school" that evening.

"Visit the classroom, meet the teachers and then be with us in the assembly", Dr. Carter urged to center parents.

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## JAPANESE HAWAIIAN GIRL WINS ESSAY CONTEST

RAYONNE, H.J.—A Japanese Hawaiian girl was among the six junior and senior high school students to win gold medals of the Bayside, H. J., B'nai B'rith Lodge for the best essays in a contest on brotherhood, the WRA revealed in a press release.

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### CLYDE SIMPSON RESIGNS ACCEPTS UNITED NATIONS RELIEF POST

After serving with the WRA in Manzanar since November 9, 1942, Clyde L. Simpson, former elementary school principal and late the assistant relocation program officer, resigned his position here and left yesterday for Washington, D. C. where he will assume his new post as administrative assistant to the Director of Camps Division of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

A graduate of the Fort-Orville Union High School and of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), Mr. Simpson did graduate work at the University of Southern California (USC).

He was the principal of the Springville Union Elementary School prior to his arrival in Manzanar. Here he took up his duties as principal of the Manzanar Elementary School until January 1, 1945.

Beginning in January, 1945 until yesterday, he was with the Relocation Office.

Robert L. Brown former assistant project director of this center is now the acting director, Camps Division, of the WRA.

#### --SCHOOL WEEK (Cont'd from Page 1)

Buted through the high school students to parents desiring them for the high school assembly.

The elementary school is presenting its annual pageant on Thursday evening, April 26. Tickets to the Elementary Pageant will be issued from the elementary school office.

### TEAMSTERS' UNION HEAD TELL REFUSAL TO HANDLE WARES OF JAPANESE

SEATTLE, Wash.--David Beck, head of the Teamsters' Union here has publicly announced that no commission merchants or trucking firms will handle the ware of returned evacuees, the Christian Century Magazine divulges.

It adds that a florists' association is also pledged to boycott them.

Countering the efforts of the above groups and aiding in the resettlement of the evacuees is Floyd Schmoor of the American Friends Service Committee, who organizes work-and parties of Caucasians who clean up and guard houses of the returnees.

### SHIICHIRO SAKAGUCHI PASSES AWAY

Death early this week, claimed Shiichiro Frank Sakaguchi, 65, father of Obo Sakaguchi of the Manzanar Base Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Hisaji, who resides at 11-7-4 and family which consists of Dr. Obo Sakaguchi, Lily, Mary, Dr. Chibo Sakaguchi, Bo and Dr. Sammy Sakaguchi.

Another daughter, Chico, a well-known and talented liberal writer, died of an asthma complication on February 20, 1945 at her home in Philadelphia, Penn.

The date of the funeral for Shiichiro Sakaguchi has not been set as yet.

### Vital

#### STATISTICS

#### BIRTHS

A baby boy, Eoshio, to Mr. and Mrs. Hisao Kimura of 32-14-5 on March 4, 1945.

A baby girl, Aiko Patricia, to Mr. and Mrs. Shigoru Hakeji of 11-13-1 on March 13, 1945.

A baby boy, Yasuko, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Haritomi of 6-7-1 on March 15, 1945.

A baby boy, Iner Kaname, to Mr. and Mrs. Hidco Takahashi of 27-6-5 on March 27, 1945

#### DEATHS

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### MRS. EDWIN HOOPER RETURNS TO DUTY

Mrs. Edwin H. Hooper, secretary to Project Director Ralph P. Morrill, returned to work last week after an absence of three months due to injuries received when she fell near the Administration Building early in January

### WREE HIGH SCHOOL

#### SENIORS TAKE TEST

Only three boys took the Army Specialized Training program examination which was given at the Manzanar High School on April 12, 1945, Rollin C. Fox, principal stated.

Those three boys were Michael Suzuki, Kazuo Hoshizama, and Pat Nail.

Fox said that only three boys took the test this year because applications were open only to high school seniors who become 17 between October 1, 1944 and August 31, 1945.

Fox also stated that these boys will be notified in 30 days.

Boys passing the test will receive specialized training at a college for one year, as long as they are satisfactory students. After a year's training they will be given basic training and assigned to college for specific training.

## CALIFORNIAN STATES DESIRE TO AID EVACUEE RETURN

"I should like to remind the California Japanese that the thousands of friends who came to wave 'goodbye' in 1942 when they saw them off on the train are still their friends," Willis Richardson, a resident of California declared in a letter to the Pacific Citizen.

He said that "real friendship is not such a weak thing that rantings by fascists in certain newspapers can break up."

"Your neighbors in Lemon Grove, Spring Valley and other warm California valleys know that you always had a grand record as law-abiding citizens and that your sons are off fighting America's battles," he stated.

He added:

"I used to teach your children in school and I hate to think that many of you are planning on leav-

ing this really beautiful state. No matter where you go, there may be a few who understand nothing of democracy, raving around, but for every unjust person you will find a hundred good people ready to help and pull for you to re-establish yourselves.

"I can see where some of you have grown bitter--but nothing is to be gained by such an attitude. Just remember that war is cruel and hard. Come back and join your hands and hearts and we will eliminate war, greed and racial hates. All is not lost--true democracy has to win out as it is right.

"I live at Lemon Grove, Rt. 1, Box 400 B. If I can be of any help in any way call on me. I, like other thousands, am ready to help good people get back to the good clean soil of California."

## RELEASE RELOCATION

## FIGURES FOR APRIL

Over 240 residents left on Terminal Departures between April 1 to April 20, according to an announcement from the Relocation Office.

At least 603 residents signed for Terminal Leave last month for relocation in the near future.

## VETERAN NISEI HERO

## VISITS CENTER ON LEAVE

Leaving this center after a month's convalescent leave in the West Coast, Pvt. Koo Ito, Nisei hero who last Fourth of July lost his right leg when hit by a burst of German shrapnel in Italy has arrived in an army hospital in Battle Creek, Mich. for further treatment, according to an announcement received from the WRA Office in Los Angeles.

The disabled veteran, who attended Compton Junior College near Los Angeles, and played baseball on the school team, was married just before his induction in 1943 to Elaine Ikoma, a Long Beach Samsel who studied nursing at the University of California.

Reading of Ito's visit to Long Beach through the Long Beach Independent, a Long Beach businessman offered to aid Pvt. Ito in establishing a business in that city.

The man offered to put up enough money to help the veteran establish a florist business of his own and stated that Ito need not bother to repay the money until he could spare it.

Pvt. Ito is expecting a medical discharge within a few weeks.

## --VITAL STATISTICS

(Continued from Page 2)

Burney Oliver Wilson of Lone Pine, Calif., on March 21, 1945.

Shizuko Yoshinaga of 35-4-2, on March 26.

## MARRIAGES

Mary Saizuyo Shimobayashi to Shiro Yoshikawa on March 17, 17-2-3.

Shizuka Ono to Pfc. James Yonokazu on March 24, 10-6-4.

REQUEST NAMES OF  
ALUMNI IN SERVICE  
FOR MEMORIAL BOOK

John Marshall High School in Los Angeles is preparing a war memorial book which will describe the parts played by former students in the conflict. The work is supervised by Frances Anderson and Frances Warren of the faculty.

To date, 2500 Marshall alumni have served with the armed forces, and 50 have been killed in action.

Center residents who are or have been in the army and who attended John Marshall High School are requested to furnish the following information:

Full name, date of graduation or attendance at Marshall and some details concerning the military record, citations etc.

This information should be brought or sent to the Free Press, Building 1-1, immediately.

SINATRA LECTURES RACIAL,  
RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

PHILADELPHIA, Penn.--Crooner Frank Sinatra, idol of millions of bobby soxers, recently lectured here on racial and religious tolerance, the Associated Press reports.

"I believe most of this intolerance begins with the kids but they get it from their parents so it's up to you to be firm with your parents, kids," Sinatra stated.

He added, "I believe that if people like Hitler can take a generation and educate it to the worse, then we can take our generation and educate it to the best. I'm talking to you because I want my kids and you and your kids to grow up in a better world."

JOSEPH EVERSON FILLS  
VACANCY LEFT BY BORN  
ON POLICE STAFF

Joseph A. Everson, a retired Los Angeles police officer has been secured recently to fill the vacancy left by Theodore Bern, who was promoted to a higher position. John W. Gilkey, chief of the Internal Security Section disclosed.

### TEN YEAR OLD ADMITS OVERTURNING GRAVES

FRESNO, Calif.—One unidentified ten-year-old boy living near the Mountain View Cemetery admitted to deputies that he was involved in the overturning of tombstones of Japanese graves recently; the Fresno Bee disclosed this week.

Although a dozen boys were questioned; only the ten-year-old boy declared that he was among those involved.

Deputy Sheriff Henry Schaffer stated that the investigation will continue.

Disturbed in the recent incident were the graves of 18 persons of Japanese ancestry and four persons of German ancestry.

The vandals also tried to disturb the ashes of nearly 100 other Japanese which were in a vault, awaiting shipment to Japan, at the stout door resisted their efforts.

### WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ROUT ANTI- JAPANESE MEETING

SEATTLE, Wash., Apr. 25.—A tumultuous anti-Japanese rally, sponsored by the Remember Pearl Harbor League, Inc., recently flared to near violence at times due to heckling by students of the University of Washington and others who were present, the Seattle Post Intelligence divulges.

It adds there were at least three times as many hecklers present as there were anti-Japanese.

Among the 250 attending the meeting was Kenji Okuda, Nisei graduate of Oberlin College who is now residing on the University of Washington campus.

A woman shipyard worker, Louise Greg, stirred up a hornet's nest as she shouted that the question whether Japanese are dangerous has been settled because they have been passed and approved by government agents.

Students of the University of Washington rallied around her and yelled to the crowd to leave her alone when others shouted to "throw her out."

### NISEI COMMISSIONED IN ARMY NURSE CORPS HAS 'NEVER FELT JAPANESE'

NEW YORK — Masako Mary Yamada, of the Heart Mountain, Wyo., Relocation Center has been commissioned a lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, thus fulfilling her long cherished wish, the Los Angeles Daily News reports.

She told newspaper reporters that "she had no Japanese friends" and that "I have never felt anything about being of Japanese descent."

Lieutenant Yamada had studied at the University of Southern California.

### FORMER COMMANDER WRITES OF 442ND TEAM

In the Pointer, an official publication of the U. S. Military Academy, an illustrated article, written with drama and humor by Lt. Col. Sherman Dixon, highlights distinctive qualities of the 442nd Combat Team, their peculiar fervor and determination, mixture of Harvard accents and pig-in-English, thoroughness in learning their job, enthusiasm and courage in combat and in training.

Among the terms confusing the uninitiated are "Buddha-head," mainland Fisci's name for Hawaiians in the group, and "Kotank," Islander's name for the mainland boys.

Lieut. Col. Dixon was commander of the Third Battalion of the 442nd Regiment before it went overseas, at Camp Shelby, Miss.

### TRIAL JURY SELECTED FOR SUMIO DOI CASE

AUBURN, Calif., April 25.—A jury has been selected for the trial of two soldiers and a civilian who are charged with attempts to dynamite and commit arson on the property of a recently returned Nisei, the Los Angeles Daily News discloses.

The suspects are Elmer R. Johnson and his brother Alvin both army privates on AWOL, and James T. Watson.

The Nisei is Sumio Doi.

### REPRINT TWO PAGE ADS ON JAPANESE AMERICANS

Reprints in full of two full-page advertisements from the Sierra Madre News, concerning persons of Japanese ancestry, is carried in the Spring, 1945, edition of the Common Ground Magazine.

The first ad, entitled "Merry Christmas to the Japanese" declares, "Our trouble is that we have too many people who are too busy to worry about Christmas presents for the dear sweet Japs. TO --- WITH THE JAPS".

The second ad, signed by 64 Sierra Madre residents who expressed their "special pride in those thousands of Americans of Japanese ancestry who have proven their loyalty to America in the face of history and prejudice", condemns "un-American activities" of agitators against them.

### B. S. A. REPRESENTATIVE ASSISTS SCOUT WORK

Gono Weston, Boy Scouts of America representative, spent two days in this center to assist in the scout work, according to Aksel Nielson, supervisor of the Community Activities Section.

### BOWRON DENOUNCED ON NISEI STAND; ELECTION IN PRIKARY SIGNIFICANT

In his column in the San Francisco News, Columnist Arthur Caylor declares, "Because he said an occasional kind word for American-born Japanese, Mayor Fletcher Bowron of Los Angeles was pilloried plenty during the recent campaign of the South (Calif.)."

He concludes, "Just be significant of something or other that he was elected at the primaries."

### FOUNTAIN PEN FOUND; NEED PROPER DESCRIPTION

A fountain pen was found recently between firebroaks two and eight.

Claimant may recover it by contacting Moss Hall 1, giving full description and particulars.

TRANSLATION

Japanese Section, The Mansanar Free Press  
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- From Mansanar Free Press, April 25, Vol. 6, No. 88, Page 1, Col. 8.
1. Title of Newspaper  
From Mansanar Free Press, Vol. 6, No. 88, 1-1-2
  2. Truman Makes Impression on Europe.  
From L. A. Examiner, April 22, Page 1, Col. 1-8, Page 7, Col. 2-6.
  5. Walter Lippman's U. S. Claims  
From L. A. Times, April 20, Editorial, Page 4, Col. 7-8.
  4. Classroom Open to Parents, Visitors During School Week.  
From Mansanar Free Press, April 25, Vol. 6, No. 88, Page 1, Col. 1-2  
Page 2, Col. 1.
  5. Open New Buddhist Hostel To Furnish Temporary Housing.  
From Mansanar Free Press, April 21, Vol. 6, No. 87, Page 1, Col. 8
  6. A Beautiful Episode  
Hideko Nagatomi, who took the prize in an oratorical contest Thursday night in the Community Auditorium, donated her prize to the Red Cross.
  7. Water hose wanted by 14-15-5.  
to be
  8. Jo-ru-ri/hold April 28 from 7:00 P.M. at Mess Hall 10.
  9. Chapman Arrives From Philadelphia to Help Relocates.  
From Mansanar Free Press, April 21, Vol. 6, No. 87, Page 1, Col. 5
  10. Ten Year Old Admits Overturning Graves.  
From Mansanar Free Press, April 25, Vol. 6, No. 88, Page 4, Col. 1
  11. 20 Japanese Canadian Domestic Employees Asked to Leave City.  
From Mansanar Free Press, April 18, Vol. 6, No. 86, Page 5, Col. 1
  12. Hurry Up!  
Come and see the wistaria flowers and cherry blossoms in back of Children's Village.



13. Shichiro Sakaguchi Passes Away

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14. For Sale: Sewing machine motor and record player. 5-5-1

15. For Sale: Ju-do-gi. 2-8-5.

16. Marriage Appreciation

Toshio Yamahata and Fusae Yamahata

17. Relocation Appreciation

Fusio Okasaki and Asuno Okasaki.

18. Relocation Appreciation

Toshio Ono and Saki Ono

19. Hospital Appreciation

Kameichi Fukuda

20. Hospital Appreciation

Shigeo Kato

21. Hospital Appreciation

Tsuneji Yokoyama



公立学校通

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結婚御礼

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退院御礼

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坂口繁一郎氏逝去

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